

## THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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Mr. Don Bockhorst
Division of Community & Business Development
Department of Community & Economic Development
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**RE:** Local Boundary Commission

Unorganized Borough

Dear Mr. Bockhorst:

On February 8, 2003, I provided testimony to the Local Boundary Commission concerning unorganized boroughs. As I stated during my public testimony, the City of Whittier, Alaska fully supports the creation of an organized borough in Prince William Sound. This borough should include: Whittier, Chenega, Tatitlek, Cordova and Valdez.

I request that all future correspondence concerning this issue be directed to my attention as the City Manager of Whittier. I have not had an opportunity to fully review the documents concerning the direction and/or intent of the Boundary Commission concerning the Prince William Sound area redistricting plan. Further, the citizens of the City of Whittier do not want to be subject to annexation and/or any other form of forced reorganization into a specific borough other than a Prince William Sound Borough.

I may be contacted at (907) 472-2327 ext. 103 should the Commission require further clarification on the City of Whittier's position. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express the concerns to both the Local Boundary Commission and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislature of the State of Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard G. Jones Interim City Manager

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Cc: City Council, City of Whittier